

# GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

It was a joke on their part, but it had a lot of truth wrapped up in it. Last week, three teen-agers parked their car at the entrance of the Hollywood Freeway, scrambled out, got down on their knees in unison, bowed their heads in prayer, climbed back into the car, and entered the freeway.

Don't know if this freeway joke came your way yet, but there was the speeding citizen who was hauled down by a two-wheeled gendarme. Walking slowly over to the violator's vehicle, the officer asked: "Now who in the world do you think you are—Eisenhower?"

A group of high school boys were given a special tour of a new building in Hollywood. When they had climbed back into the bus, they were asked by their teacher what they had enjoyed the most. Four votes went to the modern construction of the building, three votes went to the large windows used, and all the rest of the votes went to the beautiful blonde elevator operator.

Hear about the business executive who was given a surprise party by his employees? When the \$483.22 check was presented it was handed to the boss. That was the surprise.

Then there was the citizen who walked up to the boxoffice of a theater where one of those four-hour movies was playing. "How much are your seats?" When told: "\$2.50," he inquired: "Does that include meals?"

If you're from the south, you'll know what we mean. A white-haired gentleman with goatee was asked what part of Georgia he came from—the south or the north. Furiously, he replied: "Suh, ah'll have you understand that NO part of Geophah is nothun!"

Our idea of no smog in Los Angeles is when you can see Gina Lollobrigida on a clear day.

Is there anything slower in this wide, wide world than a waiter bringing your change?

A woman's work is never done; especially when she doesn't do it.

Nowadays, manufacturers don't say that their product is "waterproof," "scuffproof" or "gougeproof." They say: "It's childproof!" That sells anything.

You've read the story about the man who opened a fortune cookie in a Chinese restaurant and found this note: "Help! I'm being held prisoner in a cookie factory." Last week, a man was walking along a downtown Los Angeles street when a scribbled note fluttered down in front of him. Picking it up he read: "Help! I'm being held a prisoner." Hurriedly he ran for the nearest policeman and the two of them rushed back to the spot. Pointing upwards, the pedestrian said: "It came from up there." The policeman frowned and said: "Mister, that's the County Jail!"

In England, a lady protested to the officials that her electric bill had been \$100 for one month. The next month she decided to do without electricity. She turned off her main switch. Immediately 32 street lights in her community went out. They had all been connected to her house line. (And how high was your light bill last month?)

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THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Economy? Fooey!

Everybody is in favor of economy these days, but the only hitch is that everybody wants to economize at somebody else's expense.

Officials, ranging from Congressmen down to the town council in Podunk, all want to economize. Like mother and virtue, economy is something that everybody agrees is a great thing.

We have heard countless pleas for trimming the "waste and fat" from the budget in recent days and from all the hollering and shouting, you'd think that the nation was really going to cut down its expenditures.

But, don't be fooled by all this talk.

When the Congressman from California talks about economy, he means cutting down on the money allotted to the people in Maine and Vermont. When Congressmen from Maine and Vermont discuss cutting the budget, they mean trimming the part that was slated for California.

The Army thinks it would be fine to cut the Navy and Air Force budgets; the teachers believe that the money going to the TVA could be trimmed with no trouble; and the farmers are of the opinion that appropriations for harbor development could be lowered with no pain at all.

One of the senators who has been hollering the loudest for economy screamed even louder when he discovered that the cuts included a new airbase scheduled for his home town.

When all these people get together, they learn that their ideas on economy are impractical because all of them are perfectly willing to sacrifice somebody else's project in order to save money.

Being intelligent men, they see that the only way they can get their pet projects passed is to trade their support for other people's projects. This is what's known as "log rolling."

Before you can say "Let's cut taxes," all these projects are back in the budget, with only a few minor things left out. These usually were sponsored by the people who weren't very good at "log rolling," but they learn.

"It is not my intention to reduce or eliminate any projects or services that are essential and vital for the safety, health, and welfare of the people," one representative declared. "I am sure that substantial reductions can be made by eliminating unnecessary projects and those which are luxuries, rather than necessities."

Nobody could quarrel with that, but the fight begins when our elected representatives try to decide what is a luxury and what is a necessity. There are hundreds of active lobbyists and public relations men around to convince us that yesterday's luxury is today's necessity.

As a result, in the past 20 years the United States budget has increased from \$7 billion to \$70 billion. There are a lot of people around who can remember back in 1900

when the budget was only \$535,000.

Latest figures indicate that the government debt is about \$1700 per person. Twenty years ago, it was only \$282 apiece, and in 1900 only \$12.41 for every man, woman and child.

How long can this go on? Whenever the government doesn't have enough money to meet the added cost of the new necessities which is used to luxuries, it:

1. Raises taxes.
2. Increases the national debt.

What nobody ever has been able to tell me is who the national debt is owed to. I've been told that it is owed to

me, but I've had a heckuva time trying to collect my \$1700.

Instead, I keep getting income tax forms through the mail.

This is economy? Fooey.

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